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SUBJECT: GOA FREES 541 FROM EXECUTIVE POWER, EXPELLS OTHERS

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1. THE EXECUTIVE YESTERDAY (DEC. 22) PUBLISHED A LIST OF 541 DETAIN-
EES WHO SINCE NOV. 1 ARE NO LONGER BEING HELD AT THE DISPOSITION OF
THE EXECUTIVE UNDERSTATE OF SIEGE PROVISIONS. ACCORDING TO PRESS
REPORTS, THIS BRINGS TO 1,423 THE NUMBER OF DETAINEES RELEASED
FROM EXECUTIVE POWER SINCE MARCH 24. IT IS NOT KNOWN, HOWEVER,
HOW MANY OF THESE HAVE ACTUALLY BEEN RELEASED OR HOW MANY REMAIN
JAILED FACING CRIMINAL CHARGES. THE NAMES LISTED ARE NOT FAMILIAR
TO EMBASSY AS AMERICAN INTEREST CASES, ALTHOUGH SEVERAL ARE LABOR
LEADERS KNOWN TO LABATT. A QUICK PERUSAL OF LIST SHOWS SEVERAL
NAMES HAVE APPEARED ON EARLIER LIST SENT TO DEPT. UNDER COVER OF
SMITH-RONDON O-I ON NOV. 23 (SEE SEPTTEL. EMBASSY IS POUCHING LIST TO
ARA/EC.

2. THE COMMUNIQUE ALSO LISTED 18 FOREIGNERS WHO HAVE BEEN EXPELLED
FROM NOV. 1 TO DEC. 22. THE NAMES INCLUDE SEVEN CHILEANS, THREE
URUGUAYANS, TWO BOLIVIANS, TWO PARAGUAYANS, TWO SPANIARDS (ONE AN
EX-PRIEST), ONE EGYPTIAN AND ONE GERMAN. URUGUAYAN SENATOR
ENRIQUE ERRO, WHO WE REPORTED WAS EXPELLED ON NOV. 3, ANC CHILEAN
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SERGIO EDGARDO MUNOZ MARTINEZ WERE THE TWO FAMILIAR NAMES ON
THIS LIST. (SERGIO MUNOZ WAS SUBJECT OF JOHN RUSSELL LETTER OF
FEB. 6 AND JUDITH KAHANE LETTER OF MARCH 29.) ALTHOUGH THE
PRESS GIVES THE TOTAL OF FOREIGNERS EXPELLED AS 114 SINCE
MARCH 24, SIX OF THE NAMES PUBLISHED IN YESTERDAY'S LIST (WHICH
WAS TO COVER NOV. 1 TO DEC. 22) ALSO APPEARED ON THE LIST OF 13

FOREIGNERS EXPELLED IN OCTOBER, INCLUDING SPANISH EX-PRIEST.
(SEE REFTTEL.) WHETHER GOA'S PUBLISHING THE SAME NAMES TWICE
TO SWELL THE NUMBER OF EXPELLEES AND OF DETAINEES WAS INTENTIONAL
OR A MISINTERPRETATION OF THE PRESS, WE DO NOT KNOW.

3. COMMENT: A NUMBER OF PERSONS KNOWN TO EMBASSY--INCLUDING
EMILIO MIGNONE AND WIFE OF PHYSICIST J. C. GALLARDO--MUST BE
DISAPPOINTED AS THEY HAD INFORMED EMBOFFS EARLIER THEY HAD
HOPES OF SEEING THEIR RELATIVES FREED DURING THE CHRISTMAS
"AMNESTY." MRS. GALLARDO VISITED EMBASSY LAST WEEK (DEC. 17)
TO INFORM US THAT HER HUSBAND HAD RECEIVED JOB OFFER FROM A
NEW YORK STATE UNIVERSITY AND HAD INITIATED STEPS TO PETITION
INTERIOR MINISTRY TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY. THIS IS FIRST PETITION
CASE KNOWN TO EMBASSY. WE WILL REPORT DEVELOPMENTS AS THEY
BECOME KNOWN.

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